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All of this activity will come to a management focus in the person of a Director of CIA Reconnaissance Programs, who will report to the D/DCI. Admiral Raborn and I will count on this individual to keep us informed on the NSC as appropriate. This will provide you with a single authoritative point of contact within the CIA for all our programs. It will replace the present concept of a Program Manager and relieve General Ledford of the responsibility for programs over which he has no real authority. In the future we will expect General Ledford to serve only in a line capacity as part of the CIA organization, in place of his present dual responsibility which has proved difficult to him and us. It is our desire that the CIA program within the NSC be so identified and that the Program B designation of our activities be discontinued. I have designated  to serve in the capacity as Director of CIA Reconnaissance Programs on an interim basis, and all correspondence or requests bearing on CIA participation in the NSC should be addressed to him. We would hope that working level contact with the NSC Staff and Messrs. Crowley, Ledford, Miller,  would continue as before.

I believe that the implementation of these management steps will considerably enhance the ability of CIA to support the new NSC Agreement more effectively--an objective to which we are all pledged.

Sincerely,


 /s/  
 Richard Helms  
 Deputy Director

 cc: Mr. Vance  
 Admiral Raborn  
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